

### REMARKS

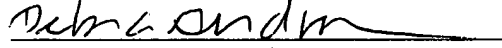
By this Amendment, the specification has been changed to reflect prior related applications and to add an abstract on a separate page. The claims have been amended to remove multiple claim dependencies and to reduce the number of claims. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9-12, 18-25, 29, 31 and 39 are pending after entry of this Amendment.

### CONCLUSION

Examination of the pending claims is respectfully requested. If any minor matters remain to be discussed prior to examination, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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